

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

May 15, 2007

**Aldermen Garrity, O'Neil,
Osborne, Gatsas, Duval**

**Upon Recess of BMA
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

1. Chairman Garrity calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.

TABLED ITEM

A motion is in order to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

3. Motion to table withdrawal of Special Revenue Reserve fund in the amount of \$142,000 for the Piscataquog River Park Reconstruction Project to repair damage due to April 2007 flood; with fund redeposit anticipated when FEMA assistance is received.
(Tabled 05/08/2007 pending review by staff of alternative funding mechanism.)
4. If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.



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May 7, 2007

Alderman Mike Garrity, Chairman
City of Manchester Community Improvement Program
One City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Re: Piscataquog River Park Flood Damage Update

Dear Alderman Garrity:

This letter serves as an update and a request for funding for the above referenced project. Several weeks ago I met with the engineering consultant, Dubois & King and the construction company, Quirk who is presently under contract from the original FEMA funding at the park. I am very sorry to report that the park sustained a significant amount of damage from this most recent flood. As stated in the attached letter from the consultant there was some severe washout areas and varying depths of silt deposited on all four fields. At this time we were unable to fully evaluate underground utilities such as the electrical system for the lighting and the irrigation.

We have instructed the contractor to halt further construction until a full evaluation can determine the full extent of the damage. They will however mobilize to fill in the washouts and secure the site for public safety. Since we were approximately 75% complete with the repairs from the "Mother's Day" floods this recent event is considered a major setback to the project since most of the funds that FEMA obligated originally have been spent. We would be grateful to the committee for approximately \$142,000 (which does not include the underground damage that has not yet been evaluated) of funding in advance of Federal dollars to insure that this park is available to the many athletic teams that call it home for the fall season. We are very confident that this can be accomplished if we react quickly. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Chuck DePrima, Deputy Director

Cc: Frank Guinta, Mayor
Robert MacKenzie, Director Planning
George Smith, Alderman Ward 10
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May 4, 2007

RE: Piscataquog River Project

Dear Chuck,

It was nice to meet with you on April 26th. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that given the damage to the project from the swift and violent rise of the Piscataquog River on or about April 16th-18th, we believe that the project completion date is in jeopardy.

For the record, you have instructed us to stop working until further consideration is given to this project by State and Federal authorities. At your request, I offer a plan for the remedial work. It should be understood that this plan is preliminary at best. Without engineering data, i.e. a topographical survey, of the site there is no reasonable way to determine accurately the amounts of soil that were displaced during the extreme rise of the Piscataquog River. We have photos on file illustrating over five feet of water throughout the entire site. In addition, to this lack of data for civil issues there is no way to assess damage done to existing utilities including, electrical, irrigation, and drainage pipe. To that end, let me propose some steps that we believe should be taken immediately to minimize the amount of damage and liability to the City of Manchester.

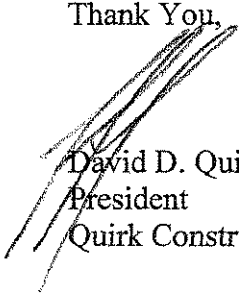
- 1) Site should be immediately secured as there are large washouts and exposed electrical lines. We recommend that this work is done immediately as there is great danger to anyone entering that site. We anticipate the cost of the somewhere in the neighborhood of \$6,000.
- 2) Retain the services of a licensed professional, i.e. Dubois & King, to accurately determine the amounts of soil lost in the three soccer fields and common areas, thus allowing a development of an accurate quantity and scope of work. We do not believe these services would be needed in the interior of the baseball field.
- 3) While the damage to the baseball field appears to be surface issues only, we believe that the existing sod should be immediately removed, as if it is allowed to continue to root it will involve major reconstruction. The damage to the warning track and infield clay we believe is also repairable at this time.

Having considered the aforementioned issues, we believe the cost to remedy the baseball field as of this writing will be in the neighborhood of \$130,000. This would also include repairs to the fencing.

- 4) Retain the services of the current electrical contractor to test the integrity of the electrical system after the flood. (Cost to follow)
- 5) The parking area while heavily damaged with riverbed stone could be re-graded, rolled, and deemed usable. This estimate will be in the neighborhood of \$6,000.

I would be happy to meet with you and Jeff Adler to further discuss the items that I have outlined above. At some point we will also need to discuss payment to Quirk Construction for the work that was put into place last fall which has a retainage balance on it as well as work that was completed by Quirk Construction in early April 2007. Please advise me immediately of your intentions with respect to all of this information.

Thank You,



David D. Quirk
President
Quirk Construction Corp.

cc: Jeff Adler
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April 30, 2007

Mr. Chuck DePrima, Deputy Director
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SUBJECT: Piscataquog Park
Flood Damage

Dear Chuck:

We have completed our cursory assessment of the flood damage at Piscataquog Park. This assessment was made on visual inspections only and does not include underground utilities (i.e. water, sewer, electric, telephone, irrigation) that could not be assessed.

Based on our inspections, the park has been significantly impacted by the flooding. All four fields have been covered with varying depths of silt, rocks, and debris. There are several large holes (4'-5' deep) that have exposed electrical lines (conduit) and water lines (irrigation) and some fencing has been impacted.

We understand that Quirk Construction Corp. will provide a budgetary construction cost estimate for the repairs. We would recommend that a topographic survey be performed of the three soccer fields since it appears that material on all these fields has been washed away and will require replacement. The survey will give good baseline data for Quirk Construction to provide a more accurate estimate. We provided our original survey baseline and our recommended limits of survey via e-mail to you last Friday. We understand that the Manchester Highway Department will perform the topographic survey.

We hope that this information is helpful in the restoration of Piscataquog Park. If you should have any questions or comments, please call me.

Very truly yours,
DuBOIS & KING, INC.

Jeffrey A. Adler, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

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